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City Awards Façade Grants for 2002

INDIANAPOLIS— Twelve local businesses will benefit from façade grants awarded by the City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD).

More than 100 local businesses have received assistance from DMD's Commercial Façade Design and Building Rebate Program since it was created in 1994.

"The Commercial Façade Design and Building Rebate Program plays an important role in revitalizing our neighborhoods and fostering local economic development initiatives," said Maury Plambeck, Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. "Through the public-private collaboration fostered by this grant program, we can continue to support local neighborhood-based businesses."

Grants are awarded to qualified recipients on a competitive basis. Business owners receive reimbursement for up to 50 percent of project costs. The maximum grant award is \$10,000. Because the program focuses on the enhancement of front exteriors, grant recipients also have the option of requesting design assistance. All projects are slated for completion by November 2002.

The 2002 recipients of the Commercial Façade Design and Building Rebate Program are:

Robert Foster **\$3,700** **1759 W. Morris Street**
Project includes the installation of a handicap accessible ramp and widening of sidewalks.

Kovac Enterprises, LLC **\$10,000** **3706 Mitthoeffer Road**
Façade repair work will be completed on an existing retail shopping center.

Jim Lawrence & Jeffrey Reuter **\$679.50** **1029 Virginia Avenue**
A new exterior sign will be purchased for the delicatessen on this property.

Lockerbie Commons, LLC **\$10,000** **301 E. New York Street**
Applicant will install new windows, garage doors and awning.

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Richard Loiseau & Paul Lennon \$10,000 2123 N. Meridian Street
New windows, wood trimmings and gutters will be installed at this property which houses a law office.

Dorman Street Studios \$10,000 1000 E. 9th Street
New wood windows, front door and marquee will be installed .

Riley Area Development Corp. \$10,000 436-450 Massachusetts Avenue
Grant money will provide for masonry repair, paint, and new doors.

Roland Swingley \$10,000 838 Delaware Street
Owner will restore windows and doors, replace roof, and install an awning.

Standard Investments Corp. \$10,000 2821 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Grant money will provide for roof and gutter repairs and the installation of new signs and lighting at the existing restaurant.